



# United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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In the CVC's Great Hall, contractors have begun removing the protective boards that have hidden the floor stone for more than a year. Tennessee Valley marble with lighter Dolomite limestone can be seen below the Great Hall's south skylight. Crews have also completed the installation of all of the Hall's 22 light fixtures, which now rest 30 feet above the floor.

## **This Week – Ongoing Work – 6/25/07 through 6/29/07**

- Masons continue setting wall stone cap pieces in several areas within the East Front of the Capitol as floor stone installation continues at the Crypt level. Large sandstone column shafts are being installed at the Rotunda level (see lower photo on back page).
- Workers have completed installing the bronze light fixtures in the Great Hall (see photo above).
- In the Exhibition Hall, carpenters have completed the installation of the decorative millwork to the House and Senate cases located along the back side of the Wall of Aspirations. Masons are installing large marble wall panels that will flank a 10-foot touchable model of the Capitol Dome, while another crew continues installation of a raised glass floor.
- Carpet and millwork installation continue in the Congressional Auditorium.
- Masons are laying pavers in a decorative pattern adjacent to curving seatwalls around the House and Senate eggs.
- Air handling systems testing and balancing is continuing in corridors along both sides of the Great Hall.
- An audio-visual contractor has begun testing the sound systems for the two Orientation Theaters.
- Drywall substrate work has been completed in the House Hearing Room. Stone installation continues and framework for a concentric vaulted ceiling above the Hearing Room will begin later this week.
- Millwork is nearly 75 percent complete in meeting rooms within the Senate Expansion Space and carpet installation is complete in the Senate Recording Studio.





A worker installs translucent alabaster stone panels that will diffuse the ceiling lights in a lobby area near the CVC's Orientation Theaters.

## **Next Week – 7/2/07 – 7/6/07**

### **CVC and East Front Plaza Work**

- Wall stone installation will near completion within the East Front of the Capitol and masons will continue installing floor stone at the Crypt level.
- Workers will continue installing millwork and other case components in the Exhibition Hall. Installation of the glass floor will continue.
- Carpet and millwork installation will continue in the Congressional Auditorium.
- Mechanical crews will continue testing and balancing the CVC's air handling system.
- Installation of wood and bronze door frames will continue in several areas throughout the CVC.
- Exterior elevator stone installation is expected to be completed. Grading activities will continue on the sloping terrain near the CVC entrances to prepare the ground for sod placement and other landscaping later this summer.
- Stone installation will continue in the House Hearing Room. Ceiling plaster work continues around the perimeter of the House Stairwell Atrium.
- The contractor continues millwork installation in the Senate meeting rooms. Carpet installation is complete inside the Senate Recording Studio.



Masons set a sandstone column on the Rotunda level of the East Front of the Capitol.

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